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Farewell to Scope founder

Alex White writes: Alex Moira, the last surviving founder of the disability charity Scope and the first chair of the Habinteg Housing Association, died on 5 March at the age of 90.

Alex was dissatisfied with the education available to his daughter Alice, who has cerebral palsy.

He joined forces with fellow parents, Ian Dawson Shepherd and Eric Hodgson, and the social worker Jean Garwood, to form the National Spastics Society (now Scope) in 1952.

Alex said later: "We each took a £5 note out of our pockets – and a £5 note was quite a large note in those days, particularly for a struggling architect – and put it on the table, as being the first finances."

He became the charity's first treasurer and saw its Wilfred Pickles School open in time for Alice to be admitted as one of the first pupils.

When he stepped down as vice chair in the early 1980s, Alex had



seen the society grow into one of the largest charities of its day, with over 60 projects nationwide.

As chair of Habinteg (from the Latin, *habitus integrans*, meaning integrated housing), Alex Moira was the architect of a new model for disabled people's housing, based upon choice, independence and inclusion.

Moira Close in Haringey, opened in 1973, was the first of over 2,000 dwellings that stand as a monument to a man dedicated to improving the lives of others.

Derek Lancaster-Gaye writes: Professional, gentlemanly and humorous; these were the impressions created way back in 1961 when Alex Moira, along with Jack Emms and Dr Stevens, interviewed me for an appointment with the Spastics Society. For the next 23 years, I was to work with Alex as my chairman of the services committee.

Together with the other founding parents, Alex determined to create a movement devoted to the improvement and understanding of the needs and aspirations of people with cerebral palsy. Scope, as it now is, is testament to his success.

He was a man of countless skills and a leader willing to keep pace with the changing needs of people with disabilities and the attitudes of society. I was glad of his guidance, his support and his friendship. He will be missed by us all but his memory will endure.

Student awards bridge fund gap

Awards totalling £115,000 are helping 72 students in further and higher education complete courses they might not otherwise have been able to do.

The Snowdon award scheme fills the gap left by government and other funding sources, particularly for post graduates and hearing impaired students.

Started by Lord Snowdon in 1981, it gives money for computers, sign language interpreters, note-takers, travel and accommodation.

Winners this year include Paul George, a partially sighted accountant from Enfield, who has received nearly £2,000 for a course leading to a certificate in taxation. He hopes it will give him an edge in the job market.

"Because I'm different, I've been unemployable. When it

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Malcolm Tirley (left), Lord Snowdon (middle) and Polly Thomas

comes to people with visual impairments, society still finds that very uncomfortable."

He applied to many charities for study funding. "The Snowdon award scheme is the only one with vision to get people into education and back into work," he said. "Even the government doesn't seem to have that vision."

Polly Thomas, also visually impaired, is doing an MA in

social work at Bristol University. £500 helps her with taxis so she can work in the library in the evening, like everyone else.

Malcolm Tirley, an actor until he became deaf, is doing an MA in contemporary theatre practice. His £2,000 allows him to stay in his adapted home and travel to Scarborough for theatre directing. Closing date for 2004-5: 31 May. www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk

Home alone for eight months

A blind man who also uses a wheelchair has been imprisoned in his home for eight months because he says the local council doesn't cater for his needs.

DN reader Alan Harmsworth (right), from south London, last went out of his house in July 2003 when his friend visited and took him to the shops.

He said the local day centres don't provide a service suitable for a disabled person of his age because they only offer bingo and dance or massage. He said one centre costs £5 a day and he has to pay for transport to get to the other.

"They're not day centres. They are full of people much older than me. Who wants to play bingo all day?"

He says only one centre has "talking" computers for

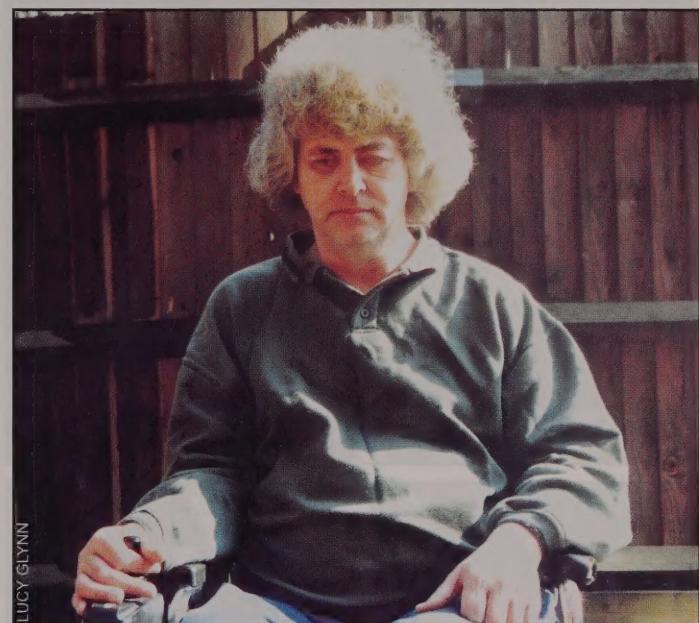
blind people and they have a two-year waiting list.

A spokeswoman for the London Borough of Wandsworth said Mr Harmsworth declined a referral to a day centre which offers activities for blind people.

She said they were also "in the process of offering him an escort to help him get out of the house now and again".

It comes as the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) is calling on councils to stop failing older blind and partially-sighted people, after research showed more than three-quarters never or rarely get out of their homes.

The report* shows that poverty, neglect and isolation are rife among older people with sight loss because local authorities fail



to provide a proper assessment and rehabilitation service.

Just 50 per cent had received a home assessment and 41 per cent

had been offered a white cane.

**UnSeen* is available from the RNIB, tel: 0845 702 3153 or see www.rnib.org.uk

Anger at tube access plan threat

Campaigners have raised fears that access improvements to London's Underground system could be set back "by decades", after the government suspended work on a multi-million pound project at King's Cross station.

Transport Minister Kim Howells said he had asked for a review of plans to build a new northern ticket hall at the station, after proposed costs doubled to £250 million.

He hinted that the scheme could be abandoned completely.

But the London Transport Users Committee (LTUC) has written to the government, calling for work to be restarted "without further delay".

They said that lifts to King's Cross's Underground platforms, to be built in the northern ticket hall, will be crucial to improving access.

Suzanne May, chair of LTUC,

London's transport users' watchdog, said: "To abandon this project would set back London Underground's accessibility programme by decades, at a time when it is Government policy to promote an inclusive society."

Improvements at King's Cross rail terminal, including four new stations at neighbouring St Pancras, will all be "fully accessible", she said.

"If (the northern ticket hall) is not built, this accessibility will not extend to the Underground station. This would be a travesty."

The northern ticket hall is the final stage of improvements to the Underground station, with the rest of the project due to be completed by early 2007.

Alun Francis, coordinator of RADAR's London Access Forum, said: "We oppose any accessible facilities being cut on the grounds of cost alone."

Top-up fee unis must do more

Universities planning to charge top-up fees will have to do more to support disabled students, under draft guidance for the new Office for Fair Access (OFFA).

Education Secretary Charles Clarke said universities will have to draw up access agreements setting out how they will support poorer students and "under-represented groups", including disabled people.

The news comes after campaigners voiced concern that a task force advising the government on access to higher education had failed to mention barriers faced by disabled people.

Campaign group SKILL said it was concerned the new plans did not go far enough on financial support for disabled students and gave little incentive for institutions to include disabled students in their access agreements.

The guidance mentions that, in considering bursaries, institutions "might want to give particular support" to disabled people, but their main financial duties are to the poorest applicants.

Universities will have to show they have increased outreach activities and have made sure students know what support is available to them.

Front cover

This month is *DN Extra*'s first anniversary.

When we launched our mid-monthly supplement last April, the aim was to help employers advertise jobs faster and offer a bigger pool of jobs to disabled applicants.

The first year has opened new doors for our readers and our advertisers. We hope next year, with an enlarged *DN Extra*, will open even more.

BOB MERRY



WHIZZ-KIDZ



BOB MERRY



Catwalk stars: (clockwise from bottom left) Organiser Judith Merry; Fleur and Georgina; and Charlotte

Work opportunities for bright sparks

The UK's largest electricity generator is to develop work experience and mentoring opportunities for disabled people as part of an awareness and fund-raising initiative.

British Energy has chosen RADAR as its charity of the year and plans to raise £200,000 for the organisation.

It will also develop work experience programmes for disabled people living in areas close to British Energy plants, which are in rural areas with limited employment opportunities.

The initiative was announced at a Westminster reception to mark the end of the European

Year of Disabled People.

Kate Nash, director of RADAR, said the partnership with British Energy as an employer will lead to "real benefits" for disabled people. "The income raised will help us improve our infrastructure and bring benefits to our members."

RADAR said some of the money will help develop on-line communities to enable disabled people living in rural areas to feel less isolated.

Mike Alexander, chief executive of British Energy, said: "We hope we can encourage more disability organisations to support RADAR."

No clothes for comfort

Teenager Judith Merry was frustrated at not being able to find fashionable clothes she could try on easily from her wheelchair – so she decided to design her own.

With the help of a Millennium Award of nearly £8,000 from the disabled children's charity Whizz-Kidz*, and a team of student fashion designers at Oxford and Cherwell College of Fashion, Judith produced 24 original pieces of clothing.

Her colourful designs included tops, trousers, dresses, skirts and pedal-pushers, with an ethnic theme that included African, Thai and Chinese influences.

She and five other disabled and five non-disabled children and teenagers then modelled them on the catwalk at an Oxford hotel at the end of February, in front of an audience

of more than 180 people.

Judith, 15, from Buckinghamshire, said: "I wanted to show the designers how there are not any clothes for girls in wheelchairs.

"Most of them you have to adapt yourself."

Her clothes were designed to be easy for wheelchair-users to pull on and off themselves and to try on easily when they are out shopping.

As for her models, who included her twin sister Laura, "they all loved the clothes and liked wearing them", she said.

Judith, who wants to pursue a career as a fashion designer, has already been asked by the high street chain Top Shop to send a portfolio of her designs, and Marks and Spencer has also offered future help.

**www.whizz-kidz.org.uk*



Gold standard: Richard Miles, who has quadriplegic cerebral palsy, collected a Duke of Edinburgh's gold award from Falklands veteran Simon Weston (right) last month. Richard, 23, from Staffordshire, joined 900 other achievers for the ceremony at St James's Palace, London.

Mentor scheme a boost for students and staff

A new pilot scheme aims to help disabled university students improve their career prospects, with the help of mentors from the public and private sectors.

So far, 18 students have signed up to the Disability Undergraduate Scheme* at the University of East London (UEL), since it was launched at the start of 2004.

Students taking part have regular meetings with their mentors to try to build confidence and job skills.

The scheme was officially launched last month by the National Mentoring Consortium (NMC), with backing from the Disability Rights Commission (DRC).

Bert Massie, chair of the DRC, said at the launch:

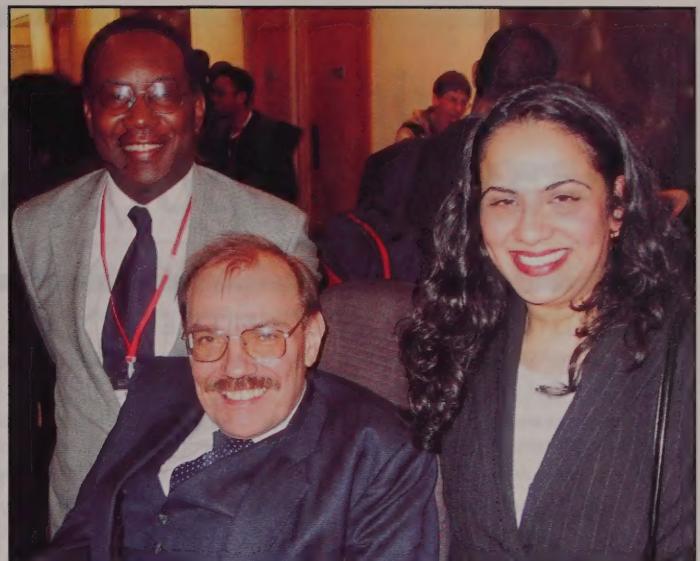
"Disability can affect confidence and self-belief, and effective mentoring is all about recognising people's ability and bringing it out."

"Five of our staff have already joined this scheme as mentors, and they get a lot out of it – everybody gains and everybody grows."

Sharmila Chander, who is in the final year of a degree in criminology with psychosocial studies, and hopes to go on to qualify as a barrister, said: "The mentoring I have received has helped me greatly with my communication skills and goal-setting."

"I would recommend it to anyone like me seeking to develop their career."

Joe Greenland, director of the



Start of an era: (from left) Joe Greenland, Bert Massie and Sharmila Chander

NMC, said: "The aim of the scheme is to help students prepare for the future, and have a say in their own destiny."

"For employers, there is a strong business case for embracing disability, as well as a legal and moral obligation."

The NMC has arranged mentors for thousands of black and minority ethnic undergraduates since it was founded in 1994. It hopes to build on the UEL pilot by expanding it to other universities.

*www.uel.ac.uk/nmc/mentoring



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Whilst legislation is important, the Learning and Skills Council must move beyond compliance and work in a way that puts learners first if it is to truly promote equality of opportunity. The National Council have agreed to form an Equality and Diversity Committee that will advise and monitor progress in promoting equality and diversity. The Committee of 12 members, which will be chaired by a member of the National Council, will meet approximately six times a year commencing in September 2004. Whilst these are unpaid roles, expenses are available for travel, subsistence and childcare. Appointments are generally made for two to four years.

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The closing date for application forms is 17 May 2004. Interviews are planned to take place during week commencing 21 and 28 June and induction training week commencing 6 September. The first meeting of the Committee will take place in late September 2004.

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Department for
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Expressions of interest must be sent by e-mail to:
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Expressions of interest for Batch 1 must be received by Kirstie Priestley no later than 12.00 noon 27TH April 2004, stating the full name of the organisation, a contact name, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Should any organisations have any further queries in relation to the Lots or services required, please contact:

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